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SUBJECT: DEALING WITH THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT

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1. WE CONCUR IN YOUR VIEW THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO OPERATE
UNDER THE SELF-IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS OF THE PAST FEW MONTHS.
AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, HOWEVER, OUR RELATIONSHIP WILL BE
AFFECTED BY DEVELOPMENTS ON THE NUCLEAR REPROCESSING
QUESTION AND THE CONSTRAINTS UNFAVORABLE DECISIONS COULD
IMPOSE ON OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC AS-
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SISTANCE AND APPROVE MILITARY SALES.

2. WITH RESPECT TO AID (PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 REFTTEL), WE
HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE AID MISSION'S OPERATING ON A
NORMAL BASIS, INCLUDING TAKING SUCH INITIATIVES IN DEALINGS
WITH THE GOP AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE,
HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF

ANY NEW AGREEMENTS UNTIL THE GOP STANCE ON THE NUCLEAR QUESTION IS CLARIFIED.

3. IN PRINCIPLE, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A VEGETABLE OIL PL 480 AGREEMENT, BUT, BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC UNAVAILABILITY, THERE IS NO CHANCE OF A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT DURING THIS FY. A DETAILED RESPONSE IS BEING PREPARED FOR TRANSMISSION.

4. ON MILITARY SALES, ODRP MAY ALSO OPERATE UNDER THE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES IN FORCE BEFORE APRIL 29. WE HAVE AUTHORIZED COMMERCIAL DISCUSSIONS BY U.S. COMPANIES WITH THE GOP ON EQUIPMENT WHICH WE WOULD NORMALLY APPROVE FOR SALE AS WELL AS ROUTINE TRANSACTIONS UNDER MUNITIONS CONTROL. WE ARE HOLDING OFF ON CONSIDERATION OF TWO PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE SHIPMENT OF TEAR GAS UNTIL OCTOBER. UNTIL THE NUCLEAR QUESTION IS RESOLVED, WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK EXTREMELY CAREFULLY AT ANY SALE INVOLVING CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION. (FYI--CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION ON 28,000 ROUNDS OF 105 MM TANK AMMUNITION VALUED AT DOLS 10.8 MILLION IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW. END FYI) WE DO NOT INTEND TO REVIVE THE LONG-PENDING PAKISTANI FMS CASE INVOLVING HOWITZERS, THOUGH WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO SO WERE THE NUCLEAR PROBLEM RESOLVED. WE ARE LOOKING FURTHER INTO THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE TWO DESTROYERS AND THE REPAIR SHIP. IN VIEW OF THE HIGH VISIBILITY AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS SALE, WE ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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INCLINED TO HOLD UP FOR NOW, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THESE VESSELS COULD BE INCLUDED IN A PACKAGE OF ITEMS THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SELL IF THE REPROCESSING ISSUE IS SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED. WE ASSUME THAT THERE WOULD BE SHARP PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM OF THE SALE SHOULD THERE BE ADVERSE DECISIONS, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, MADE BY THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT ON FURTHER REPROCESSING TRANSFERS.

5. IN EXAMINING ALL OF OUR POLICIES TOWARDS THE INTERIM REGIME, WE WILL BE STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS AND A RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES. THE REGIME'S ATTITUDE TO DATE STRIKES US AS MIXED BUT GENERALLY POSITIVE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED REPORTING ON THESE SUBJECTS.

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